

bank overdraft rates will be charged if the note is overdue from the date of maturity to the date of payment.

2. The right to cut and remove the timber will be sold in accordance with the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921-22, the regulations in force thereunder, and these conditions.

3. The aforementioned qualities, quantities, and kinds as to the said timber shall be taken as sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this sale, and no contract for the purchase shall be voidable, nor shall the successful purchaser be entitled to any abatement in price, by reason of the said timber being of less quantity, quality, or kind as stated herein or in any advertisement having reference to the said timber.

4. A return, verified by affidavit, giving the number of logs out of each species and their contents must be made quarterly by the licensee on the last days of March, June, September, and December respectively in each year. A return, similarly verified, must be made on the same dates showing the output of sawn timber of each species. These returns may be ascertained and verified by inspection of the books of the mill, or by such other means as the Conservator may require, and for this purpose the accounts and books shall be open to the inspection of the Conservator, a Forest Ranger, or other duly authorized officer.

5. The attention of all tenderers is drawn to the fact that the local controlling body may require the successful tenderer to pay any claims or charges which may be made by that body for the maintenance of the road over which the timber may be transported, and before a sawmill license is issued a letter indicating that satisfactory arrangements have been made in this connection must be produced to the undersigned.

6. Intending tenderers are expected to visit the locality and to satisfy themselves in every particular on all matters relative to the sale.

7. Each tenderer must state the total price that he is prepared to pay for each species. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and the timber described is submitted for sale subject to the final acceptance of the tender by the Commissioner of State Forests.

8. The right is reserved to the Commissioner of State Forests to withdraw from sale any or all of the said timber either before or after the closing date for receipt of tenders.

9. If no tender is accepted for the timber herein mentioned it will remain open for application at the upset price until further notice.

10. Tenders should be on the special form obtainable from any office of the State Forest Service, and should be enclosed in envelopes addressed "Conservator of Forests, Hokitika," and endorsed "Tender for Timber."

The conditions which will be inserted in the license to be issued to the purchaser and further particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned or to the Director of Forestry, Wellington.

A. D. McGAVOCK, Conservator of Forests.

MAORI LANDS NOTICE.

Maori Lands for Lease by Public Tender.

Waikato-Maniapoto District Maori Land Board,
Auckland.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of the Native Land Act, 1909, and the regulations thereunder, that written tenders are invited and will be received at the office of the Waikato-Maniapoto District Maori Land Board, Auckland, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on the 30th March, 1928, for the lease of the land named in the Schedule hereto for a term of six years from 1st April, 1928, with a right of renewal for a further term of twenty-three years.

SCHEDULE.

WAITOMO COUNTY.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

LOT 11, Block XIII, Mangaorongo Survey District: Area, 292 acres. Upset annual rental, £25 11s.

Undulating to easy hilly fern land. Fair soil, limestone in south-eastern end. About 80 acres mixed bush. Coal-bearing country. Access from Otorohanga (ten miles); from Hangatiki about nine miles, and also from the Otewa-Ahuroa Road.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of the lease shall be six years from the 1st April, 1928, at the rental tendered, with right of renewal for one further term of twenty-three years, at a rental assessed at 5 per cent. on the unimproved value of the land at the time of the renewal, such valuation, in the event of a dispute, to be determined by arbitration. Compensation for substantial improvements shall be allowed to the lessee at the expiration of the second term of the lease, as provided in section 263 of the Native Land Act, 1909.

2. Residence to commence within four years in bush lands or swamp lands, and within one year in open or partly open lands, and to be continuous for six years.

3. Lessee has no right to minerals without license, but he may use on the land any minerals for any agricultural, pastoral, household, roadmaking, or building purposes.

4. Every lessee shall bring into cultivation,—

(a) Within one year from the date of his lease, not less than one-twentieth of the land leased by him;

(b) Within two years from the date of his lease, not less than one-tenth of the land leased by him;

(c) Within four years from the date of his lease, not less than one-fifth of the land leased by him;

and shall, within six years from the date of his lease, in addition to the cultivation of one-fifth of the land, have put substantial improvements of a permanent character (as defined by the Land Act, 1908) on first-class land to the value of £1 for every acre of such land, and on second-class land to an amount equal to the net price of every acre of such land: Provided that in no case shall the additional improvements required on second-class land be more than 10s. per acre, or 2s. 6d. on third-class land.

5. (a) Rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance.

(b) Lessee shall not assign the lease without the consent of the Board.

(c) Lessee will cultivate the land in a husbandlike manner, and keep it free from noxious weeds.

(d) Lessee will keep fences and buildings in repair.

(e) Lessee will fence without any right of resort to the Board for contribution on account of the Board owning or occupying adjacent land; but this provision shall not deprive the lessee of any rights he may have against any subsequent occupier, other than the Board, of such adjacent land.

(f) A copy of the form of lease can be inspected at the office of the Under-Secretary for Native Affairs, Wellington, or the office of the Board.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERER.

1. The sections to be leased jointly and subject to reserve price or rental specified.

2. Every tender shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the President of the Board, and marked on the outside as follows: "Tender for lease of , Block ."

3. Tenders for lease must be accompanied by six months' rent, lease fee (£4 4s.), and amount sufficient to cover stamp duty and registration fee, and the amount with which the section is loaded with improvements.

NOTE.—Stamp duty will be 6s. if rent is under £50 per annum, with an additional 3s. for each further £50 or fraction thereof: registration fee is uniformly 10s.

4. The highest tenderer to be declared the lessee, but the Board reserves to itself the right to decline to accept any tender.

5. The successful lessee will require to make a declaration to the effect that he is legally qualified to become the lessee of the land, and that he is acquiring the land solely for his own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person.

6. The lands are offered under the Native Land Act, 1909, and the regulations made thereunder, and lessees shall be deemed to be acquainted with the provisions thereof, and be bound thereby as effectually as if such provisions were embodied herein.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS.

The lands are described for the general information of intending tenderers, who are recommended, nevertheless, to make personal inspection, as the Board is not responsible for the absolute accuracy of any description.

Areas may be liable to slight alterations.

Tenders must be sent to the office of the Waikato-Maniapoto District Maori Land Board, Auckland, and must be made on the proper forms, to be obtained at the office of the Board.

Full particulars may be obtained at the office of the Waikato-Maniapoto District Maori Land Board, Auckland.

C. E. MACCORMICK, President,
Waikato-Maniapoto District Maori Land Board.